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Subject: Kenai Peninsula Borough 2006-2008 Draft STIP Comments

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Commissioner Mike Barton:

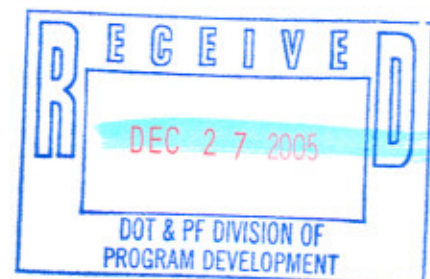
Enclosed is the Kenai Peninsula Borough's comments relating to the proposed 2006-2008 Draft STIP projects. We would encourage Kenai Peninsula Borough projects eliminated from the draft STIP list be added to the 2006-2008 STIP list. Needless to say we are disappointed in the reduction of projects proposed for the Kenai Peninsula. The attached comment sheets indicate projects that have been evaluated as important and worthy of funding in the past, but do not show up on the recent 2006-2008 STIP draft.

Please accept these comments as our desire to see the projects listed as projects we feel are vital to meet safety issues of roads in our area as well as meeting future growth needs of our traveling public.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ron Long, President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH 2006-2008 STIP DRAFT COMMENTS

The Kenai Peninsula Borough has reviewed the proposed draft STIP for 2006-2008 and would like to promote the following roads not appearing in the draft. These projects were included in the 2004-2006 STIP. The KPB Assembly has completed a specific resolution (Resolution 2005-103) supporting the Sterling Highway project, MP 157-169. Other projects have scored high enough to make the previous STIP and must continue to be strongly considered as viable projects. The KPB supports adding the following projects for the 2006-2008 STIP:

Road and Project	Location	ID #	Notes	Program Type
Seward Hwy. MP 157-169	Anchor Point to Baycrest Hill	2670	School bus safety and access to and from the subdivision roads on the blind hill.	National Highway System (NHS)
Homer E. End Rd. MP 14-23.4	Homer, Voznesenka Rehab	15640	This is a very dangerous road with steep hills, sharp corners, and dangerous embankment. The pavement is deteriorated and the gravel road section is poor with very poor sub-base and drainage.	Community Transportation Program (CTP) & Earmark
Sterling Hwy. MP 60-79	Skilak Lake to Sterling	11921	This project will extend the upgraded highway from Soldotna another 19 miles to Skilak Lake Road.	National Highway System (NHS)
Sterling Hwy. MP 45-60	Sunrise to Skilak Lake Road	2673	This Cooper Landing Bypass project has been a needed project for several years. Key to this project is getting traffic away from the Kenai River, which in turn will eliminate several dangerous corners and slow speed areas.	National Highway System (NHS)
Seward Hwy. MP 25.5-36	Trail River to Sterling "Y"	2618	This project will address a railroad crossing and replace some inadequate bridges.	National Highway System (NHS)
Sterling Hwy. MP 135	Ninilchik Intersection & Illumination.	11922	This project will address safety issues at busy intersections in the Ninilchik area.	National Highway System (NHS)

Kenai River Bridge Access Road pathway	Bridge Access Road	6662	This project will connect pedestrian/bike paths between the Kenai Spur Highway and Kalifornsky Beach Road. This connection will extend existing paths at each end of the route.	Trails and Recreational Access for Alaska (TRAAK)
Seward Highway MP 36-50	Seward "Y" to Summit Lake	11939	This project will tie into a previous upgrade to the north of Summit Lake	National Highway System (NHS)
Seward Highway MP 57-65	Hope "Y" to Bertha Creek	1194	No Comment	National Highway System (NHS)
Bunnell St./Ohlson Ln. Rehabilitation	Homer	9613	No Comment	Community Transportation Program (CTP)
Pioneer Street Resurfacing	Homer	2348	No Comment	Community Transportation Program (CTP)
Airport Ave. Paving & Pedestrian Facilities	Seldovia	12399	No Comment	Community Transportation Program (CTP)
Seldovia Airport Reconstruction/Improvements Upgrade	Seldovia	5957	No Comment	N/A